

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the rejections raised in the Final Office Action dated March 24, 2009. As a result, the claims have been amended to comply with the Examiner's requirements, as outlined below.

Claims 17 and 18 have been amended to remove the dependency upon the cancelled claim 16. Instead, amendments have been made to make claims 17 and 18 dependent on claim 1, into which the subject matter of the cancelled claim 16 has been incorporated. The Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out this informality.

With regard to the rejections of claims 1-3, 5-15, 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph and second paragraph, claim 1 has been amended to delete the expression "means for". Further amendments have been made to replace the rejected phrases ("first means for injecting....", "second means for injecting....", and "first means for circulating....") with the expressions which have clear support in the application as originally filed.

Specifically, the phrase "first means for injecting...." has been replaced with the expression which is identical to the language used in the original claim 1. Accordingly, the amended claim1 now recites:

"an anode electrode; ~~a first means for injecting~~ with a fuel having a hydrogen constituent being pumped directly into said anode compartment....."

The phrase "second means for injecting....." has been replaced with "a pump for pumping.....", which is identical to the expression used in the original claim 1.

The phrase "first means for circulating...." has been replaced with "a pump for pumping....", which is identical to the expression used in the original claim 1.

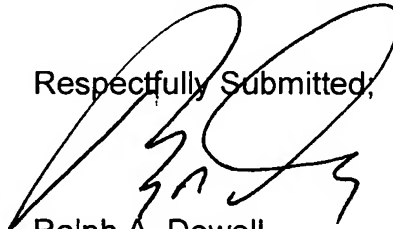
Incidentally, the Applicants have noted an oversight in the response to the previous Office Action which was filed on December 1, 2008. Specifically, on the last two lines on page 8 of the previous response, the Applicants stated that *"The specification has been amended to insert claims 17 to 19 directly into the Detailed Description on page 15, line 10."* However, it has come to the Applicants' attention that the actual amendments have not been made to the specification. Accordingly, the Applicants take this opportunity to enter the amendments to the description referred to in the previous response.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments made herein are to correct informalities and to return to the expressions used in the claims as filed. All the amendments made herein are supported by the specification as originally filed, and therefore no new matter is added by these amendments.

An earnest effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance which action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this election, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney-of-record at the telephone number shown below for further expediting the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. A. Dowell', written over the printed name.

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